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Toombs County Eagle Club sets meeting

AUGUST 7, 2006

Friends and alumni of Georgia Southern University are invited to attend the Toombs County Eagle Club meeting Thursday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be at the home of Lee and Rebekah Arnold at 719 Julie Drive in Vidalia and will feature a football update and season preview from Athletics Director Sam Baker.

Families are encouraged to attend. The University's Center for Wildlife Education will present a special program for children and adults.

The cost is a \$10 donation at the door.

Please RSVP by calling Dennis Ingley at 537-1120 or Lee or Rebekah Arnold at 537-3798.

Performing Arts Center season will open with Turtle Island String Quartet

AUGUST 7, 2006

The 2006-2007 season of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Georgia Southern University will open with a concert by the critically acclaimed Turtle Island String Quartet.

A singular force in the creation of bold, new trends in chamber music for strings, Turtle Island will perform at the PAC on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Turtle Island takes its audience on musical journey includes forays into folk, bluegrass, swing, bebop, funk, R&B, rock and hip-hop, as well as the music of Latin America and India.

Tickets for each of the 10 events that will be held at the PAC during the upcoming season will go on sale on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

Turtle Island String Quartet tickets are \$30 plus tax per person for the general public. Georgia Southern faculty, staff and students will receive a 10 percent discount. Groups of 15 or more people from outside the University community are also eligible for a 10 percent discount.

In addition, if any tickets are available 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the performance, any Georgia Southern student with a valid University I.D. can purchase one ticket for \$10 plus tax.

Its name derived from creation mythology found in Native American folklore, Turtle Island features David Balakrishnan on violin and baritone violin, Evan Price on violin, Mark Summer on cello, and Mads Tolling on Viola.

Legendary cellist Yo-Yo Ma calls the quartet 'a unified voice that truly breaks new ground authentic and passionate a reflection of some of the most creative music-making today.'

Fusing the classical quartet esthetic with contemporary American musical styles, Turtle Island has recorded more than a dozen albums. The group's collaboration with the Ying Quartet, titled '4 + Four,' was named Best Classical Crossover Album at the 2006 Grammy Awards.

Turtle Island has also collaborated with The Manhattan Transfer, clarinetist Paquito D'Rivera, pianists Billy Taylor and Kenny Barron, and the Parsons Dance Company. The quartet has performed on the NBC-TV show 'Today' as well as the national radio shows 'All Things Considered' and 'A Prairie Home Companion.'

Season subscriptions for the PAC are still being offered for \$267.50, including tax. Subscriptions will be sold until Friday, Aug. 25, but people who purchase their subscriptions after Aug. 15 will not be guaranteed the same seats for every performance.

If purchased separately, tickets for every performance on the 2006-2007 calendar will cost more than \$365, so a season subscription represents a savings of 27 percent.

In addition to the Turtle Island String Quartet, the upcoming season at the PAC will feature the Pilobolus Dance Theatre on Saturday, Sept. 9; Vicki Lawrence on Friday, Sept. 29; 'Jesus Christ Superstar on Tuesday, Oct. 31; 'Cats" on Tuesday, Nov. 21; 'A Viennese Christmas" on Saturday, Nov. 25; 'Romeo and Juliet" on Saturday, Jan. 13; The Capitol Steps on Saturday, Feb. 10; 'Swan Lake" on Thursday, March 8; and Mark O'Connor and The Appalachia Waltz Trio on Friday, April 27.

The PAC is located on the Georgia Southern campus at the corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive. The box office is open every Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

To purchase tickets or obtain additional information, call (912) 486-7999 or toll free (866) PAC-ARTS, or visit the PAC Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/pac>.

"Operation Move-In" to welcome nearly 4,000 students

AUGUST 7, 2006

Fall semester classes won't begin for a few more days, but Georgia Southern University will still be a very busy place the weekend before classes begin.

Some 4,000 campus residents with belongings ranging from clothes to comforters and computers to clock radios will arrive at the University's 11 residence halls on Friday, Aug. 11, and will be greeted by an annual event that the Department of University Housing has dubbed 'Operation Move-In.'

Check-in for the students is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC). Classes begin Monday, Aug. 14.

'We've taken a number of steps to make sure that everything goes smoothly,' said Allison Scott, coordinator of occupancy management and assignments. 'We've shared pertinent information and directions with the students and their parents through a presentation we made at Orientation, our Web site and a reminder postcard.

'We've also been working closely with the Office of Public Safety and the Transportation Services people to plan for the flow of traffic on campus,' Scott said.

In keeping with a Georgia Southern tradition, more than 100 administrators, faculty and staff from across the University spectrum have offered to lend a hand with 'Operation Move-In.' The volunteers will assist the University Housing staff by greeting students and their parents, giving directions and even carrying boxes and suitcases.

In addition, Georgia Southern organizations offering to chip in include Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the Baptist Student Union, the Student Government Association and the Hispanic Student Organization.

'Operation Move-In' has gotten rave reviews from students and parents in the past,' Scott said. 'The Housing personnel are always well-prepared, and the volunteers are a huge help, too. We are simply trying to continue Georgia Southern's niche as a caring institution.'

The overwhelming majority of the students who will be living on campus will get into town on Aug. 11, to begin the centralized check-in process. The initial group of students is scheduled to arrive at 9 a.m.

According to a schedule that is based on the month of their birth, the students will first report to the Recreation Activity Center, where they will receive their room keys and other important materials. They will then proceed to their assigned residence halls to complete the check-in process.

At each residence hall, there will be designated curbside stations where the students can unload their belongings from their vehicles before taking them on to their rooms.

More than likely, a few students who will be living on campus won't arrive until Saturday, Aug. 12. Those students will report directly to their assigned residence halls.

As they settle into their new homes and get ready for the first day of class, the students will be encouraged to participate in a series of 'Welcome Week' activities that are designed to be fun as well as informative.

'Welcome Week' will include a cookout on Sweetheart Circle, a trip to the Splash in the 'Boro water park, a comedy show in the Russell Union Ballroom and an X-Box tournament.

On the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 22, 'House Calls' will return to the residence halls for the third year.

Sponsored by University Housing, 'House Calls' features teams of administrators, faculty and staff who visit first-year students in their rooms and welcome them to campus.

Liberty/Bryan Eagle Club sets meeting

AUGUST 7, 2006

Friends and alumni of Georgia Southern University are invited to the Liberty/Bryan County Eagle Club meeting Tuesday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m.

The gathering is at the Bluff Creek Clubhouse located east of the I-95 Midway exit. At the exit, go east on Highway 84 until the paved road becomes dirt, then take the dirt road to the Bluff Creek entrance on the right.

Special guests for the event are University Athletics Director Sam Baker and Director of Alumni Relations Frank Hook.

Please RSVP to Esther Griffin at 912-408-1316.

Evans County Eagle Club sets meeting

AUGUST 7, 2006

Friends and alumni of Georgia Southern University are invited to attend the Evans County Eagle Club Low Country Boil on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m.

The event will be at Massey Pond House and will feature a University update from President Bruce Grube and a football update from head coach Brian VanGorder.

The cost is \$10 per person.

Please call Marshall Smith at 739-2230 or 739-7460 for more information and to RSVP.

University set to begin new academic year

AUGUST 7, 2006

The administration, faculty, staff and students of Georgia Southern University are preparing for the start of the 2006-2007 academic year.

With that in mind, here is a list of 'back to school' activities that will be taking place on the Statesboro campus during the next few weeks:

Wednesday, Aug. 9

What: Fall Convocation.

Description: This annual gathering of the campus community marks the official beginning of the new academic year. President Bruce Grube will make his annual state-of-the-university address and the Faculty Awards of Excellence will be presented.

Where: The Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building and the Performing Arts Center.

When: A reception will be held from 10 a.m. until 10:40 a.m.; the convocation ceremony itself will begin at 10:45 a.m. and end at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 11

What: Operation Move-In.

Description: Some 3,850 students who will be living on campus will arrive and move into their assigned residence halls. In keeping with a longstanding tradition, various administrators, faculty and staff members from throughout the University have volunteered to help students and their parents carry boxes to their rooms.

Where: Students will check in at the Recreation Activity Center and then proceed to the 11 residence halls.

When: 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 14

What: First day of classes.

Where: Academic buildings across the campus.

When: 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

What: House Calls.

Description: In the latest installment of a program that has been honored by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, teams of administrators and faculty members will welcome first-year students to the campus community by paying personal visits to the students in the residence hall rooms. The 'house callers' will give each a student a packet containing pertinent information and

answer any questions the student may have about living and learning on campus.

Where: Residence halls across the campus.

When: 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Ongoing

Welcome Week, an annual series of activities that greets students as they arrive on campus for the start of the new school year, will run from Friday, Aug. 11, through Sunday, Aug. 27. For the complete Welcome Week schedule, visit <http://www.eagleentertainmentonline.com>.